

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
AMISTAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS (CFR), TITLE 36, CHAPTER 1  
COMPENDIUM, 36 CFR 1.7(b)

Authority

Title 16, United States Code, Section 3, and Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Part 1.

Purpose

In accordance with 36 CFR § 1.7(b), this compendium of designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions imposed under the discretionary authority of the Superintendent is established for Amistad National Recreation Area.

The reference text of this Compendium, printed in *italic type*, are applicable portions of the General Regulations found in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter 1, Part 1. Additional regulations that apply to the National Park Service are available at Park headquarters.

Designations, closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions authorized by the Superintendent under his discretionary authority are printed in **bold type**. These regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, unless otherwise noted.

Written determinations which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority are required by 36 CFR § 1.5(c) and appear in this document as regular print.

This Compendium will be updated annually and remain in effect until specifically amended or supplemented by the Superintendent.

This Compendium will be made available to the public upon request.

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Recommended by: Chief Ranger

\_\_\_\_8/10/04\_\_\_\_\_  
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## **§ 1.5 Closures and Public Use Limits**

(a) Consistent with applicable legislation and Federal administrative policies, and based upon a determination that such action is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental or scenic values, protection of natural or cultural resources, aid to scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, equitable allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities, the superintendent may:

(1) Establish, for all or a portion of a park area, a reasonable schedule of visiting hours, impose public use limits, or close all or a portion of a park area to all public use or to a specific use or activity.

The following areas are closed to all public use:

1. Hidden Cave Canyon, located upstream from Seminole Canyon on the Rio Grande and is marked with buoys.

Sensitive concentrated cultural resources in these locations require area closures.

2. Painted Canyon located downstream from Seminole canyon on the Rio Grande and is marked with buoys.

Sensitive concentrated cultural resources in these locations require area closures.

3. Seminole Canyon, starting 0.5 miles south of the mouth of the Rio Grande.

Sensitive concentrated cultural resources in these locations require area closures. Seminole Canyon closure prevents access to restricted state park areas.

4. Lonesome Turtle Cave, site 41VV28, located on the Devils River, east side, up-stream from Indian Springs. Sign is to be posted at entrance to cave stating "Protected Cave, Do Not Enter".

Sensitive concentrated cultural resources in these locations require area closures.

5. Unnamed cave (41-VV-1698), located on the Devils River, north side, one mile upriver from Rough Canyon Harbor. Sign to be posted stating "Protected Cave, Do Not Enter".

Sensitive concentrated cultural resources in these locations require area closures.

6. Four Turtle Cave (41-VV-671), a rock shelter directly across the Devils River from the Devils Shores Subdivision. Has sustained recent and historical spray paint graffiti from park visitors. Sign to be posted stating "Protected Rock Shelter, Do Not Enter".

Sensitive concentrated cultural resources in these locations require area closures.

7. Burned Rock Midden site (41-VV-767), San Pedro Arm, south side, two peninsula extensions west of Highway 277 Bridge, sometimes called the San Pedro Slough Site. Site is shifting and is unsafe. Known collector's site. Sign to be posted stating "Dangerous Area, Unsafe Conditions, Keep Off".

Sensitive concentrated cultural resources in these locations require area closures.

8. Government coves at Diablo East and Rough Canyon to include the water and shoreline to the top of the ridge/property line.

Closures will maintain integrity and security of government emergency response vessels.

9. Stairway leading to the government boat dock at Pecos to include government boat dock.

Closures will maintain integrity and security of government emergency response vessels.

10. All terrestrial cave and karst features.

All terrestrial cave and karst features within the boundary of the park are closed to public use to protect the resource until such time as a Cave and Karst Management Plan is developed and implemented. For the purpose of this restriction, cave and karst features include true caves, sinkholes, pits, fissures, overhangs, and rockshelters.

11. Interior Least Tern nesting colony sites.

Interior Least Terns, a federally listed endangered species, nest on islands and peninsulas on the lake from May 1 through August 31. To avoid disturbing their nesting activity, these areas will be closed to all public use during their nesting season. The areas will be marked with signs on the shoreline.

12. The Lower Rio Grande area below Amistad Dam.

This area is closed to general public access because of safety and homeland security concerns but occasional ranger lead walks occur within the closed area.

13. The water area extending 1000 feet out from the entire portion of Amistad Dam, which includes both the

concrete and earthen wing dams.

International Boundary and Water Commission have closed this area for safety concerns and for homeland security concerns.

The following areas are closed to motor vehicles:

1. Approximately nine dirt roads north of Spur 454 and west of the San Pedro Campground which are clearly shown in red on the attached map of the Spur 454 back road system. (See attached map)

The closed area is a low-lying area which makes driving hazardous when the roads are wet due to the likelihood of getting stuck in the mud. These specific roads, although closed to motor vehicles, remain open to hiking, bicycling, and horseback-riding. The closed roads are generally marked with signs and posts.

2. Several dirt roads north of Spur 454 and west of the San Pedro Campground which are clearly shown in red on the attached map of the Spur 454 back road system. (See attached map)

The roads in question traverse areas of resource concern, such as Interior Least Tern nesting sites and archeological sites.

The following areas are closed to the possession of glass beverage containers:

1. The entire park, with the exception of the designated campsites in the developed campgrounds, and the dispersed camping areas in the developed campgrounds.

The safety of park visitors necessitates prohibiting glass beverage containers. The high occurrence of broken glass in many areas of the park indicates a need for this prohibition for safety reasons. This restriction will not adversely impact recreational users since most beverages packaged in glass containers can also be found in other types of non-breakable containers.

The following areas are closed to the beaching of vessels:

1. Vessels may not be beached overnight within designated harbors at Diablo East, Rough Canyon, Southwinds Marina, and Box Canyon.

This regulation is intended to reduce visual intrusion from the storing of private vessels on the shore of a public reservoir.

2. Vessels may not be beached within 50 feet of either side of Indian Springs.  
This regulation is to protect the fragile nature of the springs from damage.

Kitesurfing, kiteboarding, hang gliding, and parasailing (board riding while attached to wind-driven parachute-like objects or wing devices and/or towed by a vessel or vehicle) are prohibited. The closure is in effect for all park waters.

Kitesurfing/boarding, hang gliding, and parasailing within the National Recreation Area has been deemed an inappropriate activity given safety concerns and resource conflicts that the park is mandated to prevent. The reservoir is a highly used public area with many recreational activities including swimming, fishing, camping, and boating. These activities have a long history of compatible use. Kitesurfing/boarding, and parasailing requires large open areas free of people, obstacles, and other activities. Accepted safety practices by kitesurfing/boarding and parasailing associations and groups advocate no kiteboard or parasailing use in swim areas and avoidance of obstacles. A kite or parasail being operated in the air has a reach of at least 100' and kite lines under tension can cut anything they touch like a razor. Hang gliding while attached to a vessel or vehicle is also prohibited due to the inherent safety risks associated with this activity and the dangers to others either in the towing vessel/vehicle or others nearby. A closure will ensure the safety of park visitors and avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities.

This closure does not include sailboarding, where a sail is permanently affixed to the board.

(2) Designate areas for a specific use or activity, or impose conditions or restrictions on a use or activity

The following activities are restricted:

The concession boat slips at Amistad Lake Marina, Southwinds Marina, and Rough Canyon Marina are restricted to use and access by Marina employees and customers and their guests. These boat slips are not open and accessible to the general public.

These areas are restricted to prevent theft and other illegal activities.

Fishing from the public fishing docks will be restricted to rod and reel fishing or the use of cast nets. The public fishing docks are not to be used as anchor points for drop lines or trot lines (any fixed lines).

Fixed lines may obstruct the free use and enjoyment of the area by other users.

The following areas are closed to SCUBA diving: designated boat mooring, docking, harbor areas and the submerged historic Devils River Dam and Lake Walk Dam on the Devils River.

This restriction is intended to help insure diver safety from boat traffic and hazardous structures.

The courtesy dock at the Diablo East boat ramp is closed to concessionaire houseboats.

Concessionaire houseboats are restricted to use of the dock provided specifically for them to reduce congestion at the public dock.

The concessionaire houseboat dock at Diablo East is closed to all non-concessionaire vessels.

The houseboat dock at Diablo East is provided by the concessionaire for their exclusive use.

All designated fishing docks are closed to vessels.

These docks are provided for the convenience of the non-boating fishing public.

Rough Canyon mooring cove, located adjacent to the Rough Canyon Marina, is closed to the general public.

This cove is used by the Rough Canyon Marina Concessionaire as a protected cove in which watercraft are moored to buoys. This area is closed for security purposes to anyone not affiliated with registered boat owners renting a mooring buoy.

Tying or mooring a vessel at public docks or pumpouts for longer than 20 minutes is prohibited.

Public docks and sewage pump out stations are provided for the temporary convenience of the public. Time limits are necessary to allow for as many visitors as possible to have access to these facilities.

Tying or mooring of a vessel at Panther or Parida Cave docks for longer than 2 hours is prohibited. The docks are closed from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes prior to sunrise.

Time limits are necessary to allow for as many visitors as possible to have access to these facilities and to protect the docks from damage from unattended vessels or from long term attachment to docks.

No parking on the siltation (river) bed at the Pecos launch ramp.

The siltation bed in the Pecos River can become hazardous or even flood after a heavy rain. Safety concerns require this restriction to reduce the potential hazard to private vehicles that could be parked for extended periods in the flood plain.

## **§ 1.6 Permits**

(a) When authorized by regulations set forth in this chapter, the superintendent may issue a permit to authorize an otherwise prohibited or restricted activity or impose a public use limit. The activity authorized by a permit

shall be consistent with applicable legislation, federal regulations and administrative policies, and based upon a determination that public health and safety, environmental or scenic values, natural or cultural resource, scientific research, implementation of management responsibilities, proper allocation and use of facilities, or the avoidance of conflict among visitor use activities will not be adversely impacted.

(f) A compilation of those activities requiring a permit shall be maintained by the superintendent and available to the public upon request.

The following activities require permits in accordance with the CFR Sections listed:

- 2.2 Hunting
- 2.5 Specimen collection
- 2.10 Camping (in designated campgrounds and dispersed camping areas)
- 2.23 Recreation fees (Lake Use Fees)
- 2.38 Explosives (permit not available)
- 2.50 Special events, including fishing tournaments (1)
- 2.51 Public assemblies, meetings
- 2.52 Sale or distribution of printed matter
- 2.60 Livestock use and agriculture (permit not available)
- 3.31 Use of a vessel
- 4.12 Ramp parking permit
- 5.1 Advertisements
- 5.3 Business operations
- 5.5 Commercial photography
- 5.7 Construction of buildings or other facilities
- 5.10 Operating an eating, drinking, or lodging establishment

**(1) Special Use Permits:** In accordance with RM-53, a special use permit will be required when any fishing tournament exceeds ten (10) boats. The application for special use permits must be received by the park at least 72 hours before and no earlier than 12 months in advance of the tournament start date. A permit processing fee of \$25.00 must be sent with the application. A permit or other response will be given by park within one week after receipt of an application.

**Administrative Costs:** The above mentioned non-refundable application processing fee of \$25.00 shall accompany the application. (If a tournament director/organizer submits one application for more than one tournament in the calendar year, only one permit will be issued for all the tournaments and only one \$25.00 fee will be charged).

**Lake Use Fee:** All recreational boats on Lake Amistad that require state registration, including those in fishing tournaments, must display a valid permit costing \$4.00/day, \$10.00/3 day or \$40.00/year. This fee will be collected at tournament registration or before launching.

**Management Costs:** Under Title 16 and Title 31 of the U.S. Code, the U.S. Congress expects the NPS to be self-sustaining and to charge for a service provided in a fair and cost-effective way. After extensive research and experience, the park has established a standard fee for service provided for a fishing tournament. The fee can include projected costs of preparing for, monitoring, supporting, and cleaning up after the tournament. These costs can be mitigated based on prior arrangements and agreements made at the time of application or up to 72 hours before the tournament start date. The fees are to arrive at the park no later than tournament registration time. The tournament fees are listed below:

## SCHEDULE OF COSTS (2) (3) (4) (5)

Boats	Fees
1-100	\$ 0/day
101-200	\$ 90/day
201-300	\$260/day
301-600	\$495/day

(2) In accordance with RM-53, Chapter 10, "Recoverable Costs".

(3) Does not include any negotiations between the park and director/organizer.

(4) Personnel overtime costs are the only standardized costs being recovered. In the event there are additional costs incurred by the park, the NPS will notify the tournament director/organizer and the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce Lake Committee before finalizing.

(5) In accordance with Title 36 CFR, even though the park superintendent may require the filing of a bond in the amount adequate to cover costs and the acquisition of liability insurance, this will not be required with the payment of the above fees.

### **§ 2.1 Preservation of natural, cultural and archeological resources.**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the following is prohibited:

(4) Using or possessing wood gathered from within the park area: Provided, however, That the superintendent may designate areas where dead wood on the ground may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park area.

The gathering of dead and downed wood within the park for the purpose of campfires within the park is permitted.

The limited collection of firewood is a traditional use in this region and causes no significant detrimental effects to the resources.

(5) Walking on, climbing, entering, ascending, descending, or traversing an archeological or cultural resource, monument, or statue, except in designated areas and under conditions established by the superintendent.

The following archeological sites are open to the public with the following restrictions:

1. Panther Cave (41VV83), located in Seminole Canyon. No camping or ground fires permitted. Signs are posted at the entrance to Panther Cave stating "No Camping" and "No Ground fires".
2. Parida Cave (41VV187), located on the Rio Grande. No camping or ground fires permitted. Signs to be posted at base of Cave stating "No Camping or Ground Fires".
3. Burned Rock Site (41VV27), located on the Devils River, east side, at Slaughter Bend: No camping or ground fires permitted on site. Signs to be posted between shoreline and the site stating "No Camping Beyond This Point".
4. Burned Rock Site (41VV1694), located on the Devils River, east side, at Slaughter Bend, across creek from site 41VV27: No camping or ground fires permitted on site. Signs to be posted between shoreline and the site stating "No Camping Beyond This Point". "No Boat" buoys will be placed when lake levels allow boat access into side drainage.

These sites are generally known to the public and are open to the public (with the identified restrictions) as they possess characteristics that allow for such use without unacceptable damage.

(b) The superintendent may restrict hiking or pedestrian use to a designated trail or walkway system.

Panther and Parida Caves - pedestrian traffic is restricted to the designated trail systems.



This restriction is necessary to protect and preserve sensitive cultural resources while still allowing general access to these sites.

(c)(1) The superintendent may designate certain fruits, berries, nuts, or unoccupied sea shells which may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption upon a written determination that the gathering or consumption will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species, or otherwise affect park resources.

The following renewable plant products may be collected for personal use only: fruit of the prickly pear cactus, fruit of the Agarita bush, fruit of the wild Persimmon tree, and Mesquite beans.

The gathering or consumption will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

(2) The superintendent may:

(i) Limit the size and quantity of the natural products that may be gathered or possessed for this purpose;

There is a limit of one five gallon container per family unit during the fruit bearing season.

A limit is established to prevent the over-harvesting of the renewable resources and to allow for a wider distribution to the public.

## **§ 2.2 Wildlife Protection**

(b) Hunting and trapping.

(1) Hunting shall be allowed in park areas where such activity is specifically mandated by federal statutory law.

Hunting is allowed within the guidelines of the federal statutory law establishing Amistad National Recreation Area (PL 101-628).

Hunting is an authorized activity mandated by the enabling legislation for Amistad National Recreation Area.

The superintendent may designate zones where, and establish periods when, hunting will not be permitted for reasons of public safety, administration, fish and wildlife management, or public use and enjoyment. The Superintendent has promulgated these special regulations in §7.79.

(d) The superintendent may establish conditions and procedures for transporting lawfully taken wildlife through the park area.

Animals must be tagged as prescribed by state law.

This will assure compliance with state hunting regulations and deter illegal taking of game.

(e) The Superintendent may designate all or portions of a park area as closed to the viewing of wildlife with an artificial light

The viewing of wildlife with an artificial light is prohibited in all land and water areas of Amistad National Recreation Area.

This is intended to provide a measure of protection to wildlife species targeted for illegal hunting. It also assures the natural habits and activities of animals are not adversely affected by being artificially illuminated.

## **§ 2.3 Fishing**

(d) The following are prohibited:

(8) Fishing from motor road bridges, from or within 200 feet of a public raft or float designated for water sports, or within the limits of locations designated as swimming beaches, surfing areas, or public boat docks, except in designated areas.

This fishing prohibition includes fishing from vessels secured in marina rental boat slips, marina and courtesy docks (excluding specifically designated fishing docks), and marina mooring buoys.

Fishing in these areas would be an activity that would interfere with the free flow of vessel traffic in these heavily congested areas and these areas are primarily established for the securing of vessels.

List of coves closed to fishing:

1. Diablo East harbor within no wake buoys.
2. Amistad Lake Marina cove within no wake buoys.
3. Air Force (Southwinds Marina) cove within no wake buoys with the exception of the designated fishing dock.
4. Blackbrush cove closed to boat fishing from the no wake buoys to the end of the cove.
5. Rough Canyon at low water ramp within the no wake buoys.
6. Rough Canyon at high water ramp within the “no wake” buoys including public boat dock, boat mooring area, and concessionaire docks with the exception of the designated fishing dock.
7. Box Canyon within 200 feet of the boat ramp.
8. The Tournament dock is closed to fishing when in use by registered tournaments.

This restriction is necessary to reduce conflicting visitor uses in high traffic areas and to enhance the recreational opportunity for the non-boating public.

NOTE: Special Regulation § 7.79(b): Unless otherwise designated, fishing in a manner authorized under applicable State law is allowed.

## § 2.10 Camping and food storage

(a) The superintendent may require permits, designate sites or areas, and establish conditions for camping.

Front country camping is allowed, with a fee permit, only in developed campsites (a developed campsite is a campsite that has any of the following facilities: a shelter, picnic table, or fire grill), with the exception of the Spur 406 campground and the 277 North Campground, where dispersed camping in accordance with a fee permit and posted signs is authorized. Camping will be limited to a total of 60 days during the period from June 1st to May 31st. These 60 days of camping include a total of 14 days in each campground. Camping in the designated dispersed area will not have this 14 day limit, but the camper will be limited to a total of 60 days of front country camping park wide from June 1st to May 31st. Dispersed campers must camp at least 100 feet from a developed site. These two dispersed camping areas may change as lake levels fluctuate.

Establishing special conditions and limiting camping to specific areas, numbers and days is necessary for the maintenance of public health and safety, protection of environmental and scenic values, protection of natural resources, implementation of management responsibilities, and equitable use of facilities to avoid conflict among visitor use activities. Dispersed camping is allowed at the Spur 406 Campground, which has few developed sites, to allow visitors an area to camp closer to the lake when low water conditions exist. The Spur 406 dispersed camping area encompasses the area South of the developed campground, and between California Creek and the paved road. Dispersed camping is allowed at the 277 North Campground to allow visitors an area to camp closer to the lake when low water conditions exist. The 277 North dispersed camping area encompasses the area along the north shore of San Pedro Creek, starting to the west of the old Hwy 277 bridge and continuing west to the fence and sign that states “No Camping or Vehicles beyond this Point”. The north boundary of the dispersed camping area is a thicket of Tamarisk (Salt Cedar) and Bacharris (Swamp Willow). This area will be inundated at lake levels of about 1080msl and therefore unusable.

Front country camping or overnight use is permitted with a fee permit on a first-come first-served basis at the following designated locations:

1. San Pedro campground



2. Governors Landing campground
3. Spur 406 campground
4. 277 North campground

These campgrounds were developed specifically for overnight camping and a fee is required in accordance with NPS policy and U.S. law.

The following conditions apply to front country campgrounds:

1. Only one recreational vehicle camping unit, not to exceed three vehicles total, will be allowed per campsite.
2. Total campers per campsite are not to exceed six persons.
3. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.
4. Quiet hours in the campgrounds and dispersed camping areas will be from 10:00 pm until 6:00 am.
5. Overflow RV camping for one night only will be allowed at the Governors Landing swim beach parking lot with the payment of the normal camping fee and only when the campground is full. After one night the camper will need to either move into a designated campsite in the Governors Landing Campground, or leave the area.

These conditions are necessary due to design and space limitations. An established check-out time is necessary to allow an equitable use of facilities.

Front country group camping will be permitted, with a fee permit, at the following group campgrounds by reservation only. Reservations may not be made more than 90 days in advance:

1. Rock Quarry group campground - overnight group size is limited to a minimum of 15 persons and a maximum of 35 persons.
2. San Pedro group campground - overnight group size is limited to a minimum of 15 persons and a maximum of 75 persons.
3. 277 North group campground - overnight group size is limited to a minimum of 15 persons and a maximum of 35 persons.

These group campgrounds were developed for group camping with a specific size capacity.

The following conditions apply to group campgrounds:

1. Check-out time is 11:00 a.m.
  2. Quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.
- Quiet hours are necessary to ensure a tranquil camping experience.

Overnight camping in houseboats, sailboats, and other vessels legally secured in marina rental slips and mooring buoys will be allowed, however, camping will be limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days and a total of 60 days within the 12-month period from June 1st to May 31st.

The time limit is consistent with land based camping restrictions and is intended to prevent homesteading by persons whose primary interest is long term residency.

Backcountry camping is permitted on the lake waters and shoreline under the following conditions:

1. Camping will be limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days and a total of 60 days within the 12-month period from June 1st to May 31st.
2. The following areas will be closed to backcountry camping:
  - “ Within one quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) mile of developed areas.
  - “ Hunt areas during the hunting season.
  - “ Indian Springs Canyon, on the east side of the Devils River, in the area beyond the posted signs that read “No Camping Beyond this Point”.
  - “ Within 100 feet of where Indian Springs flows down to the Devils River.
  - “ All areas accessible by wheeled motor vehicles, except for designated Dispersed Camping Areas.

“ All archeological sites, except those listed in 2.1(a)(5)

Backcountry camping in these areas would not be consistent with their primary designated use and/or may be detrimental to sensitive natural resources. Most of the park will still be open to general backcountry camping.

3. Backcountry camping is allowed by both boat and motor vehicle (wheeled) users on the east side of Spur Road 454 and west of the San Pedro Campground in the area where social dirt roads have appeared since the lake levels have been considerably lower than conservation pool (1117msl). This area is inundated at lake levels of about 1080msl and then becomes unusable.

Backcountry camping in this area will allow for more users of the park to enjoy the experience of camping on the lake's shoreline.

For purposes of the Compendium only, “Developed Areas” in Amistad NRA include areas within ¼ mile of a campground, dispersed camping areas, picnic areas, launch ramps, or public roads. The entire south shoreline from Amistad Dam eastward to the 277 North Highway bridge, with the exception of hunt area 5 during the non-hunting season, is considered a developed area (note camping area in #3 above).

(b) The following are prohibited:

(3) Camping within 25 feet of a water hydrant or main road, or within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water, except as designated.

Camping within 100 feet of a flowing stream, river or body of water other than a spring is allowed.

In some areas of the park the geological features are not conducive to camping farther than 100 feet from the lake, and impacts to resources would be minimal.

### **§ 2.11 Picnicking**

Picnicking is allowed, except in designated areas closed in accordance with §1.5. The superintendent may establish conditions for picnicking in areas where picnicking is allowed.

Picnicking within the Governors Landing campground is prohibited from December 15 through March 15. Overnight camping is the primary use for designated campgrounds, however picnicking is permitted in these areas as long as it does not interfere with the primary intended activity of camping. The popularity of the Governors Landing campground requires this additional restriction to ensure campsites are available for campers.

### **§ 2.13 Fires**

(a) The following are prohibited:

(1) Lighting or maintaining a fire, except in designated areas or receptacles and under conditions that may be established by the superintendent.

1. In developed areas, fires are prohibited except in designated fire grills, portable stoves or grills, or other containers that keep the fire out of direct contact with the ground. These fires must be constantly attended and are to be completely extinguished prior to departing the area.

Restrictions are necessary to limit the proliferation of fire rings and reduce fire danger in high visitor use areas. Developed areas in Amistad NRA include areas within ¼ mile of a campground, dispersed camping areas, picnic areas, launch ramps, or public roads. The entire south shoreline from Amistad Dam eastward to the 277 North Highway bridge is considered a developed area.

2. In non-developed areas, fires in designated fire grills, portable stoves or grills, or small ground fires less

than 3 foot in diameter is authorized. These ground fires must be constantly attended and are to be completely extinguished prior to departing the campsite. The use of containers that keep the fire out of direct contact with the ground is encouraged.

This traditional use occurs normally below conservation level and is not a significant negative impact on park resources.

3. Fires that come in direct contact with the ground are prohibited in archeological sites. The use of containers that keep the fire out of direct contact with the ground is allowed. Prohibiting ground fires in archeological sites is needed to protect these sites from damage, which may occur from ground fires.

(b) Fires shall be extinguished upon termination of use and in accordance with such conditions as may be established by the superintendent.

When unattended, open fires must be completely extinguished with no burning material remaining. All trash within fire rings must be removed and properly disposed. In archeological sites, ashes from containerized fires must be removed from the area. Care must be exercised to ensure that ashes are dead out to prevent the spread of hot ashes, which may start a wildfire.

The restriction is necessary to reduce the possibility of wildfires. Ashes must be removed from archeological sites to prevent contamination of these sites.

## **§ 2.14 Sanitation and refuse**

(a) The following are prohibited:

(7) Disposing of fish remains on land, or in waters within 200 feet of boat docks or designated swimming beaches, or within developed areas, except as otherwise designated.

Disposing of fish remains at the designated fish cleaning stations is authorized.

These areas were specifically constructed to properly dispose of fish remains.

(9) In nondeveloped areas, the disposal of human body waste within 100 feet of a water source, high water mark of a body of water, or a campsite, or within site of a trail, except as otherwise designated.

Disposal of human body waste within 100 feet of a water source, high water mark of a body of water, or a campsite, is allowed ONLY when prohibited otherwise by terrain features. Then it must be disposed of as far away as possible.

Terrain features at certain areas of the park require this exception. The high water mark is defined as the existing water level.

(b) The superintendent may establish conditions concerning the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste.

Human body waste shall not be discharged or disposed of into any water source. In non-developed areas, human waste will be carried out or disposed of on land at least 100 feet from the water's edge and outside of archeological sites. Human body waste solids and toilet paper shall be buried at least 3 inches below ground. Other paper products must be carried out or burned in accordance with §2.13. The construction of any type of toilet structure is prohibited, however the importation of a temporary toilet structure is permitted as long as the body waste is disposed of in accordance with this section.

Human body waste in a water source is a public health hazard. Burying solid human body waste on land is required to reduce health hazards, visual pollution, and odors, and speed the decomposition process.

**NOTE: Special Regulation § 7.79(c) details requirements for sanitation on vessels.**

### **§ 2.15 Pets**

(a) The following are prohibited:

(3) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object, except in designated areas or under conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object in a humane manner (with adequate food, water, and shade) is permitted within campsites provided the pet doesn't make unreasonable noise.

This allowance is preferable to leaving a pet in a hot vehicle or running loose.

(5) Failing to comply with pet excrement disposal conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

In all developed areas (campgrounds, picnic areas, marinas, parking lots, etc.) pet excrement must be disposed of by the pet owner, either in the nearest trash receptacle, or a minimum of 100 feet outside the area.

This regulation is intended to keep objectionable odors and excrement out of high visitor use areas.

(b) In park areas where hunting is allowed, dogs may be used in support of these activities in accordance with applicable Federal and State laws and in accordance with conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

Bird dogs are allowed to hunt or retrieve dove, quail, or waterfowl only. All dogs must be on a leash outside of the hunt areas and bird dogs must be under control at all times while in the hunting areas.

This restriction is intended to allow traditional hunting practices in accordance with State law while protecting other wildlife in the park.

(e) Pets may be kept by residents of park areas consistent with the provisions of this section and in accordance with conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

Residents of park areas may keep pets in accordance with the park pet policy.

Employees required to live in the park are entitled the same privileges as a private resident.

### **§ 2.16 Horses and pack animals**

The following are prohibited:

(b) The use of horses or pack animals outside of trails, routes or areas designated for their use.

The use of horses and pack animals are permitted in the following areas:

1. The normally submerged lands (below 1117 feet msl) east and north of Spur 454, except within San Pedro Campground and on the campground access road.

2. Overnight camping with stock is prohibited.

The use of horses and pack animals is traditional in this area and will not cause significant resource degradation.

### **§ 2.22 Property**

(a) The following are prohibited:

(2) Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours, except in locations where longer time periods have been designated or in accordance with conditions established by the superintendent.

The entire reservoir and shoreline is closed to long-term mooring or beaching of private vessels, except at designated marina anchorage and mooring fields. Vessels and the tires or similar devices used to protect temporarily beached vessels on the shoreline are permitted during the length of stay, provided they are not

unattended for more than 24 hours. No more than two tires/devices per vessel are allowed and they must be clearly labeled with owner's name and vessel number.

This regulation is intended to reduce visual pollution from the storing of private vessels on the shore of a public reservoir and prevent beaching devices (tires) from becoming trash.

Legally registered vehicles and boat trailers may be left unattended at approved parking areas while the associated park permitted vessel is in use on the water.

Parking areas are provided specifically for users of the park, but limited space does not allow for parking by persons not using the park.

Deer hunt stands may be left unattended in hunt areas for up to 48 hours. Unattended stands must be clearly labeled with the NPS Hunting Permit Number. Placing of a stand does not confer exclusive right of owner to use the area, i.e., hunting areas will be used on a first-come-first-served basis.

Deer hunt stands are allowed by State law. Limiting unattended hunt stands ensures space availability for other hunters wanting to use the areas.

Temporary moorings or "jugs" for "baited holes" are permitted under the following conditions:

- "Jugs" are marked with owners name, address, and date set. Only plastic jugs not over 1 gallon in size or plastic floats are permitted. Floating rope or wire lines are prohibited. Only nylon, cotton, or other non-floating lines are permitted.
- Floats are to be checked, and re-dated a minimum of every 30 days. Any jug left more than 30 days without re-dating will be removed.
- They do not cause a hazard to navigation.
- The entire mooring assembly, from anchor to jug, is easily removable from the water.
- Placing of a jug does not confer exclusive right of owner to use the area, i.e., fishing areas will be used on a first-come-first-served basis.

Mooring jugs are allowed by State law and are a traditional use for this area.

## **§ 2.23 Recreation fees**

- (a) Recreation fees shall be established as provided for in part 71 of this chapter.

The Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, Public Law 104-134 (and as later amended by other public laws), authorizes Amistad NRA to collect recreation fees. Amistad has established recreation fees for front country camping and lake use (boating).

Recreation fees are collected in accordance with established NPS policies, regulations, and U.S. laws.

- (c) The superintendent may, when in the public interest, prescribe periods during which the collection of recreation fees shall be suspended.

Lake Use (boating) fees will be suspended annually on a fee free day recognizing the National Public Lands Day.

Amistad will participate in this Annual Free Fee Day observed throughout the National Park Service. The law does not allow camping fees to be suspended on this day.

## **§ 2.35 Alcoholic Beverages and Controlled Substances**

- (3)(i) The superintendent may close all or a portion of a public use area or public facility within a park area to the consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or that has been opened, or whose seal is broken or the contents of which have been partially removed. Provided however, that such a closure may only be implemented following a determination made by the superintendent that:

(A) the consumption of an alcoholic beverage or the possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage would be inappropriate considering other uses of the location and the purpose for which it is maintained or established; or

(B) Incidents of aberrant behavior related to the consumption of alcoholic beverages are of such magnitude that the diligent application of the authorities in this section and §§ 1.5 and 2.34 of this chapter, over a reasonable time period, does not alleviate the problem.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages within the park is allowed except within the park administrative buildings, on the property of any business not approved for consumption, and by hunters in a designated hunt area while in possession of a weapon.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages is inappropriate in government administrative facilities. The restriction on hunters is to provide for hunter and visitor safety.

### **§ 2.51 Public assemblies, meetings**

(e) The superintendent shall designate on a map, that shall be available in the office of the superintendent, the locations available for public assemblies.

The following locations are available for public assemblies:

Diablo East Area - grass island between the access road and upper parking lot.

Rough Canyon Area - natural areas adjacent to SW edge of high water ramp parking lot and SW side at upper end of low water ramp, outside of picnic areas.

Pecos Area - East end of natural island between entrance road and upper parking lot.

These areas provide a location near each ranger station for public assemblies, while complying with the conditions listed in subparts 1-5.

### **§ 2.52 Sale or distribution of printed matter**

(e) The superintendent shall designate on a map, that shall be available in the office of the superintendent, the locations available for the sale or distribution of printed matter.

The following locations are available for the sale or distribution of printed matter:

Diablo East Area - grass island between the access road and upper parking lot.

Rough Canyon Area - natural areas adjacent to SW edge of high water ramp parking lot and SW side at upper end of low water ramp, outside of picnic areas.

Pecos Area - East end of natural island between entrance road and upper parking lot.

These areas provide a location near each ranger station for the sale or distribution of printed matter, while complying with the conditions listed in subparts 1-5.

### **§ 2.62 Memorialization**

(b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit, or in designated areas according to conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

The scattering of ashes, from the ground or air, is permitted provided the ashes fall at least 100 yards from any developed area and archeological site.

Such activity is minimal and would not cause negative impacts on resources or visitor activities.

### **§ 3.3 Permits**

The superintendent may require a permit for use of a vessel within a park area in accordance with the criteria and procedures of § 1.6 of this chapter.

All motorboats of any size and all sailboats 14 feet in length or longer are required to obtain a valid Amistad



NRA recreational lake use fee permit. Unoccupied vessels moored in the park at authorized slips or buoys must display a valid permit within 30 days. An annual fee machine receipt must be exchanged for an annual decal within 14 days. The annual decal must be affixed to the port side of the vessel 6 inches aft of the registration. A valid Lake Meredith NRA or Chickasaw NRA recreational lake use permit will be honored at Amistad NRA.

The authority to require a recreational lake use permit is granted in the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program. The superintendents of Amistad and Lake Meredith have determined that a reciprocal agreement to honor lake use permits will benefit recreational users of both areas while not significantly reducing fee revenues.

### **§ 3.6 Prohibited Operations**

The following is prohibited:

(d) Operating a vessel in excess of 5mph or creating a wake: (1) in areas so designated.

Within harbors, mooring areas, and any “No Wake” buoyed area, operating a vessel in excess of wakeless speed is prohibited.

Safety concerns dictate that boat operators not operate their vessels at high speed in areas where significant numbers of other vessels operate and land based recreational users swim and fish.

(h) Using trailers to launch or recover vessels, except at designated launching sites.

(i) Launching or recovering by trailer a vessel propelled by machinery at other than designated launch sites.

The boat ramps in the following locations are designated launching sites and will be signed as Open or Closed depending on useable water levels:

1. Blackbrush Point concrete boat ramps
2. Box Canyon concrete boat ramp (newest only)
3. Diablo East concrete boat ramp
4. 277 North Campground concrete boat ramps (2)
5. 277 North at old bridge concrete boat ramp
6. 277 South concrete boat ramp
7. Pecos River concrete boat ramp
8. Rough Canyon concrete boat ramps (2)
9. Air Force (Southwinds Marina) concrete boat ramp
10. Spur 406 Campground concrete boat ramps
11. Spur 454 concrete boat ramp
12. Steam Plant Road concrete boat ramp
13. Amistad Acres concrete boat ramp

The above sites are public launch ramps specifically developed for vessel launching and retrieving. The privately constructed Amistad Acres concrete boat ramps and the old Box Canyon concrete boat ramp were closed, per the 1999 GMP Amendment, when the new concrete boat ramp at Box Canyon was completed and opened for public use in 2002.

The park maintains a number of temporary low water boat ramps that will be designated as boat launching sites depending on water levels and safe launching conditions. Approved ramps will be designated on site with an official NPS sign.

The temporary low water boat ramp at Box Canyon was closed, per the 1999 GMP Amendment, when the new concrete boat ramp at Box Canyon was completed in 2002.

Fluctuating water levels may require closure of many of the developed launch ramps, necessitating alternate

launch sites for recreational use. The temporary ramps may be suitable for launching and retrieving vessels depending on water levels, while not adversely impacting natural and cultural resources and other visitor activities.

### **§ 3.20 Water-skiing**

(a) The towing of persons by vessels is prohibited, except in designated waters.

Lake Amistad is open to the towing of persons by vessels except in the following areas and the areas described in subsection (4) of the CFR:

1. That portion of the upper Devils River above the Rough Canyon harbor where marked by “shallow water” and “rock” buoys.
2. Those areas marked by a regulatory marker.
3. The entire Pecos River arm of the reservoir.
4. The arm of the Rio Grande upriver from Seminole Canyon.
5. Within “no wake” areas.

These areas present safety hazards to persons being towed by vessels.

### **§ 3.21 Swimming and Bathing**

(a) The following are prohibited:

- (1) Swimming or bathing in locations designated as closed.

Swimming and bathing is permitted except in mooring areas, harbors, within 200 feet of fishing docks, and any other area posted as closed to swimming or visitor use.

Safety concerns dictate a separation zone between swimmers and bathers in areas where vessel concentrations and fishing hooks and lines might cause injuries.

- (2) Swimming or bathing in violation of designated restrictions.

The use of any soap, detergent, or shampoo is prohibited.

The use of soaps, detergents, or shampoos will cause pollution of reservoir waters in violation of § 2.14(a)(6).

(b) The superintendent may prohibit the use of flotation devices, glass containers, kites, or incompatible sporting activities within locations designated as swimming beaches.

Glass containers are prohibited at the following designated swimming beaches:

- Governors Landing swimming beach
- Viewpoint Road cliffs swimming beach
- Viewpoint Road scuba cove swimming beach
- Rough Canyon swimming beach

The safety of swimmers walking barefoot in these designated areas necessitate prohibiting glass containers. This restriction will not adversely impact recreational users since most items in glass containers can be found in other types of non-breakable containers.

### **§ 3.23 SCUBA and snorkeling**

The following is prohibited:

(a) SCUBA diving and snorkeling within locations designated as swimming, docking, or mooring areas, except in accordance with conditions which may be established by the superintendent.

SCUBA diving and snorkeling are permitted at the Governors Landing swim beach. However, spear guns are prohibited in any swimming beach area, including the SCUBA cove.

This allows easier access to some areas for SCUBA diving but also provides for the safety of other swimmers in the area.

### **§ 3.24 Where may I use personal watercraft?**

(b) Designation of areas for personal watercraft use requires the promulgation of special regulations, except for the following park areas: Amistad..., where personal watercraft use may be designated using the procedures of § § 1.5 and 1.7 of this chapter.

The use of personal watercraft (PWC) within Amistad National Recreation Area is allowed under an approved Environmental Assessment and Federal Register notice dated May 27, 2004.

The NPS has determined that PWC use is appropriate for Amistad National Recreation Area based on its enabling legislation and a finding of no significant environmental impact.

### **§ 4.10 Travel on park roads and designated routes**

(b) Routes and areas designated for off-road motor vehicle use shall be promulgated as special regulations.

Amistad has not promulgated special regulations for off-road motor vehicle use, therefore all off road travel is prohibited.

### **§ 4.11 Load, weight and size limits**

(a) Vehicle load, weight and size limits established by State law apply to a vehicle operated on a park road. However, the superintendent may designate more restrictive limits when appropriate for traffic safety or protection of the road surface. The superintendent may require a permit and establish conditions for the operation of a vehicle exceeding designated limits.

Individual motor vehicles or trailers in excess of 28 feet in length are prohibited from the Governors Landing Campground.

Physical design limitations of the campground prohibit safe operation of vehicles over 28 feet long.

### **§ 4.21 Speed Limits**

(a) Park area speed limits are as follows:

(1) 15 miles per hour: within all school zones, campgrounds, picnic areas, parking areas, utility areas, business or residential areas, other places of public assemblage and at emergency scenes.

(2) 25 miles per hour: upon sections of park road under repair or construction.

(3) 45 miles per hour: upon all other park roads.

(b) The superintendent may designate a different speed limit upon any park road when a speed limit set forth in paragraph (a) of this section is determined to be unreasonable, unsafe or inconsistent with the purposes for which the park area was established. Speed limits shall be posted by using standard traffic control devices.

The speed limit in the following area is 35 mph:

1. Diablo East access road, to the first entrance to the upper (west) parking lot.

This roadway only extends for one mile into the park before entering a congested parking area. In addition, there is an RV dump station along this stretch of the road, and three side road turn-offs, and a concentration of wildlife including deer, javelina, and fox.

The speed limits in the following areas are 30 mph:

1. Spur 454

At normal lake levels, the road only extends into the park for one mile, and speed is appropriate for such a short length of roadway. When the lake level drops below 1086 msl, or 31 feet below normal, the road is 3

½ miles in length, but goes through an area with large populations of wildlife, including deer. The roadway, which is normally under water, is very uneven with numerous bumps and dips. The 30 mph speed limit is necessary due to the uneven road surface, and to protect the deer and other wildlife from being hit by fast moving vehicles.

## 2. Blackbrush Point access road

This roadway only extends into the park for one mile, and has residential access roads connecting to it.

3. Spur 406 access road, from the park boundary to within 100 feet of campsite #1, then the speed limit shall be 15 mph through the campground, then increase to 30 mph again 100 feet beyond the last campsite. The roadway passes through a campground one mile after entering the park, and a slower speed limit is necessary for safety purposes. After passing the last campsite, at low lake levels, the roadway could extend for another mile, but visibility is limited along this last stretch of roadway due to heavy vegetation on the side of the road, in addition to wildlife such as deer and turkey crossing the roadway in this section.

The Speed limits in the following areas are 25 mph:

1. The Air Force (Southwinds) Marina access road, from Spur 349 to the first “STOP” sign at the entrance to the recreation center grounds; thereafter the limit shall be 15 mph.

This roadway has numerous curves, is narrow, and goes through an area with abundant wildlife, including deer.

The speed limits in the following areas are 15 mph:

1. The Pecos ranger station road, from the park boundary to the boat ramp.

This road is an access road to parking and launching areas only.

2. All unpaved roads within the park.

Unpaved roads have numerous dips, bumps and areas obstructed by vegetation as well as a predominance of wildlife in these areas.

## § 4.30 Bicycles

(a) The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on park roads, in parking areas and on routes designated for bicycle use; provided, however, the superintendent may close any park road or parking area to bicycle use pursuant to the criteria and procedures of §§ 1.5 and 1.7 of this chapter

The following areas are designated for bicycle use:

1. Hunt areas 1, 2 and 5 are open to recreational bicycling, except during the hunting season. During the hunting season, only hunters with hunting permits are authorized to use bicycles in support of hunting activities. These hunt areas have old fire roads that can be used for recreational bicycling without resource degradation.

2. The normally submerged lands (below 1117 ft. msl) east and north of Spur 454.

These lands are inundated at normal lake level and can be used to provide a wider recreational opportunity for visitors.

(b) Except for routes designated in developed areas and special use zones, routes designated for bicycle use shall be promulgated as special regulations.

Amistad has not promulgated special regulations for bicycle use in any other areas, therefore bicycle use is prohibited outside those areas designated in subsection (a) above.

(d) The following are prohibited:

(3) Operating a bicycle abreast of another bicycle except where authorized by the superintendent.

Operating a bicycle abreast of another bicycle is authorized in the areas described in subsection (a) above.

These areas will allow for this activity without causing safety concerns.

## **§7.79 Special Regulations**

### **(a) Hunting.**

(1) Hunting is allowed at times and locations designated as open for hunting.

(2) The hunting season and species allowed to be taken will be designated on an annual basis by the superintendent.

### **PERMITS:**

Hunters are required to carry a National Park Service annual hunting permit on their person while hunting in one of the designated hunting areas.

Hunters are required to write down the date and hunt area in the spaces provided on the hunter data sheet portion of the annual hunting permit prior to beginning their daily hunt.

Hunters are required to write down the description of the game harvested in the space provided on the hunter data sheet portion of the annual hunting permit at the end of the hunt day.

Hunters are required to turn in their hunter data sheets, which are printed on the reverse side of the annual hunting permit, at the end of the hunting season, whether or not game was harvested. The hunter data sheets must to be turned in to Amistad National Recreation Area no later than the March 15th date following the end of the hunting season.

Permits are required to properly manage the hunt areas in order to document hunter use levels and facilitate wildlife management and population studies.

### **COMMON REGULATIONS:**

Amistad National Recreation Area offers hunting opportunities for our park visitors. There are five specific hunt areas in the park where hunting is allowed. The remaining shoreline and adjacent lands are not open to public hunting. Hunting is in accordance with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual Official Hunting and Fishing Regulations, except where the NPS is more restrictive as stated in the following listing. Hunting regulations are enforced in these hunt areas by the National Park Service Park Rangers and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Game Wardens. Park Rangers and Texas Game Wardens may check hunting licenses and permits, inspect weapons and hunting gear for compliance with equipment restrictions, and inspect wildlife that has been taken for compliance with species, size, and other hunting regulations. Hunters are personally responsible to ensure that they are hunting within a designated Hunt Area. Violation Notices may be issued and NPS hunting privileges may be revoked for hunting outside an authorized Hunt Area.

### **Archery-only Hunting Opportunities:**

“ Archery and crossbow equipment is allowed in accordance with the current Texas Parks and Wildlife hunting regulations.

“ Deer may be hunted during both the archery and the general deer season using archery equipment.

“ Mouflon sheep and Aoudad Sheep (Exotic Non-Native Animals) may be hunted in accordance with State Regulations during both the archery and the general deer season using archery equipment.

“ Javelina may be hunted during both the archery and the general deer season using archery equipment.

“ Rabbit may be hunted during both the archery and the general deer season using archery equipment.

“ Feral Hog may be hunted during both the archery and the general deer season using archery equipment.

“ Turkey may be hunted only during the Fall turkey season using archery equipment.

## Firearm Hunting Opportunities:

- “ Rifles and handguns are prohibited in the hunt areas.
- “ Shotguns are allowed in the hunt areas to hunt the following game:
  - o Dove may be hunted during the Central Zone Dove Season.
  - o Quail may be hunted during the quail season.
  - o Teal may be hunted during the September Teal-only season.
  - o Ducks may be hunted during the Late Migratory Game Bird Season.
  - o Rabbits may be hunted during the dove, quail, and waterfowl (duck) season using a shotgun.

The taking of any other wildlife not specifically listed above is prohibited.

## National Park Service Annual Hunting Permits:

“ The “Annual NPS Hunting Permit” may be purchased for \$20.00. Hunters are required to keep their Annual Hunting Permit in their possession while hunting. Hunters may obtain their Annual Hunting Permit by coming in person to the Amistad National Recreation Area Headquarters Office. Hunters can get their Annual Hunting Permit any time after purchasing their Hunting License. Hunters need to sign their permit. These Annual Hunting Permits are not transferable to another hunter.

“ The Hunter Data Sheet, which is on the back of the Annual Hunting Permit, replaces the data blocks that were on the old “Daily Hunting Permits”. Hunters are responsible for filling in the data blocks on the Hunter Data Sheet and turning the Hunter Data Sheet in at the end of the hunting season, whether or not game was harvested. Failure to turn in the Hunter Data Sheet will result in the hunter not being issued a Hunting Permit for the following hunting season.

“ The “date” and “hunt area” blocks on the Hunter Data Sheet must be filled out at the beginning of each hunt day. The “game harvested” block must be filled out at the end of each hunt day. If you hunt at two hunt areas in one hunt day, list both hunt areas separately, as shown in the example on the Data Sheet.

## Camping:

“ Backcountry camping by boat is allowed along the lakeshore as long as you are outside of the hunting areas. You may also camp within the designated campgrounds and other areas where camping is allowed. All weapons must be unloaded, cased, and out of sight while at your campsite.

“ The display of harvested game in the National Park Service campgrounds is prohibited. However, if kept from public view, you are permitted to skin and quarter your deer at your campsite. Be discreet. Non-hunters use the campgrounds. Clean up the area when you are through.

## Additional Park-Specific Regulations:

Hunters are not permitted to consume or possess alcoholic beverages in the hunt areas.

“ Weapons must be unloaded and cased during transportation within the boundary of Amistad NRA.

“ The baiting and/or feeding of wildlife, cutting of vegetation, and trapping are prohibited.

“ Ducks may be hunted by boat within 100 yards of the exterior shoreline boundary of all hunt areas. Shooting from the boat must be directed toward the hunt area shoreline. Ducks can also be hunted from shore along all hunt area shoreline boundaries and at all interior ponds located inside the hunt areas.



“ You may use bird dogs to hunt dove, quail, or waterfowl only. All dogs must be on a leash outside of the hunt areas and bird dogs must be under control at all times while in the hunting areas.

“ Target practice (including skeet shooting and archery) is prohibited anywhere within Amistad NRA

“ Gut your deer out in the hunt area, rather than carrying the ungutted deer to your vehicle in the parking lot. If you must carry the ungutted deer to the parking lot, do not leave your deer gut piles in or adjacent to the hunt area parking lot.

“ The construction of deer stands on trees is prohibited (it damages the trees). Portable deer stands are allowed (cannot penetrate the bark of the tree), and may be left unattended up to 48 hours within the hunt areas. Ground blinds are also acceptable, using available materials. Do not cut live vegetation for use in ground blinds.

“ All deer stands are to be marked with the hunters' permit number from their Annual Hunting Permit. Deer stands with no hunting permit numbers visible will be removed and the owners are subject to prosecution.

“ Failure to turn in your completed “Hunter Data Sheet” showing hunt dates, hunt areas, and game harvested will result in the loss of your hunting privileges during the following hunting season by authority of 36 CFR, Section 1.6 (g)(2)

“ Violation of any hunting regulation may result in the immediate revocation of the hunter's Annual Hunting Permit and the loss of park hunting privileges during the current and next hunting season.

Warning: Sinkholes, cactus, and plants with rigid thorns are located throughout the hunt areas. Use caution, especially during low light situations.

Hunt Area 1: (1440 acres at lake level: 1080 ft. msl) Walk-in and boat access available. Vehicle parking is available at two locations, marked with signs, between the railroad tracks and Highway 90. One parking area is across Highway 90 from the NPS Rock Quarry Group Campground, and the second is 1/2 mile further west on Highway 90. The north and west boundaries are along and in line with the fence line marked with NPS boundary signs, and the remainder of the boundary is the exterior shoreline along the Devils River from the railroad bridge to the mouth of the Devils River unless posted otherwise. **DRIVING ALONG THE RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY TO GAIN ACCESS TO HUNT AREA #1 IS PROHIBITED.**

Hunt Area 2: (1051 acres at lake level: 1080 ft. msl) Walk-in and boat access available. Vehicle access is by turning east off of Hwy 90W just north of the Evans Creek bridge. Vehicle parking is available in a parking lot adjacent to the bridge. The north and west boundaries are along a line marked with NPS boundary signs and the remainder of the boundary is shoreline along Evans Creek, Castle Canyon, and Guajia Bay sections of the lake unless posted otherwise. During the current low lake levels, the boundary between Guajia Bay subdivision and shoreline is marked with signs and flagging. **THIS HUNT AREA IS SUBJECT TO CLOSURE ON SHORT NOTICE WHEN THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GUN RANGE IS IN USE BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES. THE CLOSURE WILL BE POSTED WITH A SIGN AT THE PARKING AREA.**

Hunt Area 3: (the old Hunt Area 1A) (300 acres at level: 1080 ft. msl) Walk-in and boat access available. Vehicle parking is available on the north side of Highway 90 one mile west of the NPS Rock Quarry Group Campground. The north and west boundaries are along and in line with the fence line marked with NPS boundary signs, and the remainder of the boundary is the exterior shoreline unless posted otherwise.

Hunt Area 4: (750 acres at lake level: 1080 ft. msl) Boat access only. Approximately 1/2 square mile on the

end of Long Point, the peninsula between the Devils River and San Pedro Arm. The north and east boundary is marked along and in line with a fence line extending from the Devils River to the San Pedro Arm, and is marked with NPS boundary signs. The remainder of the boundary is exterior shoreline unless otherwise posted. We recommend approaching the hunt area from the San Pedro Arm side. Islands between the Devils River channel and the hunt area make access to the hunt area difficult during the current low lake level conditions.

Hunt Area 5: (600 acres at lake level: 1080 ft. msl) Walk-in and boat access available. Vehicle parking is at the southeast corner adjacent to Highway 277 N. about one mile south of the Highway 277 N. Bridge. The south and east boundaries are along and in line with the fence line marked with NPS boundary signs, and the remainder of the boundary is the exterior shoreline along the San Pedro Arm of the lake unless otherwise posted.

These areas contain significant amounts of undeveloped land above the normal pool elevation and are located in undeveloped areas of the park so as not to present a conflict with other visitor use activities.